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African Swine Fever Occurrence in the Czech Republic

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Report Highlights:

The very first occurrence of African Swine Fever in the Czech Republic was announced on June 27, 2017. It was confirmed in wild boar.

General Information:

On June 27, 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture announced the very first occurrence of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the Czech Republic. The State Veterinary Administration confirmed African Swine Fever, in two dead wild boars found close to city of Zlin. Zlin is located approximately 300 km (186 Miles) south-east off the capital Prague, in Zlin Region. The National Reference Laboratory confirmed the test results. State Veterinary Administration has been monitoring wild boar regularly.

State Veterinary Administration applied all necessary measures. A defined zone with 10 km radius of infected area was established, where wild boar hunting is prohibited and their monitoring is intensified. All swine breeders within that zone will have to present their inventory listing of swine animals. Trade or movements of swine and products are currently prohibited from the defined affected area. Regional Veterinary administration has to be notified in advanced of any planned domestic slaughter.

In line with the legislation in place, expert group consisting of veterinarians, hunters, and zoonosis experts was established and works with the State Veterinary Administration on taking necessary measures and implementation of an eradication program.

So far no ban on trade was established. Main Czech export markets are Slovakia, Germany and Hungary. Czech Republic does not export swine and products to the United States.